

*Description of a new species of Paradoxurus from the Andaman Islands.—By Col. TYTLER.*

As the mammalia found on these Islands must be of interest, I beg to send you the following description of a NEW *Paradoxurus* which I have named after myself,

PARADOXURUS TYTLERII.

Length from tip of snout to end of tail 3 feet and 5 inches, of which the tail alone measures 1 foot and 8 inches, and the head about 6 inches, height at shoulder 8 inches, general colour, dark bistre brown, thickly mixed with longer light hairs of an Isabeline colour, giving the animal a changeable colour from dark to light according to circumstances; the entire under surface is of a pale Isabeline hue; feet, muzzle, and ears dark, eyes hazel; whiskers white, mixed with a few black hairs; nails nearly white; teeth strong; cheeks dark; light down the nose, and about the eyes; very vulpine in appearance; tail round not prehensile. Naked area or glandular fold between the anus and the genitals; large feet of moderate size; fur very thick and of a moderate length. The above was taken from an adult male. In habits they are very nocturnal, and appear to feed almost entirely on fruit and vegetables. I had two males caught with a great deal of difficulty alive, but they soon died in captivity: I have preserved their skins and skeletons. Their call is rather cat-like, and they appear rather inoffensive in their habits, notwithstanding that at times they fought slightly with each other. I trust this brief account may be acceptable, and if so, should you desire it, I shall be happy when opportunities offer, to send you further notes from these distant islands.

I ought to mention that the *Paradoxurus* I have described is not very common; the two I obtained were both from Viper Island where they do great havoc amongst pine apples: they are great tree climbers, nocturnal in their habits, and living during the day in holes.

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